

CONTACT REPORT

Branch: WJ/HHSAP

Date of Report: 3 March 1964

Subject:

Agent Cryptonym: AEABYSS 1

Date of Meeting: 2 March 1964

Agent Alias: []

Time of Meeting: 1830 to 0100

Case Officer Pseudonym: []

Place of Meeting: Gewandthaus Restaurant,
Braunschweig

Case Officer Alias: []

I. Meeting Arrangements

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I. Meeting Arrangements

a. [] called [] at his office on 28 February at about 1500. At that time arrangements were made for a meeting on 2 March at the Gewandthaus Restaurant in Braunschweig. [] was asked to bring AEABYSS 1 to this meeting if at all possible. The meeting time was set at 1830.

b. The next meeting will be held during the latter part of March. [] will call before Easter to set a date for meeting with AEABYSS 1. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss requirements which Headquarters is expected to prepare on UFA and KAZAN.

II. Operational

a. The primary purpose of this meeting was to turn over AEABYSS 1 and (> from [] to []. This was accomplished without any problems; both agents had met [] previously and voiced no objections. Both were obviously dismayed at the departure of [] to whom they became obviously quite attached during their 2 1/2 years of association. [] promised that if he is stationed in the U.S. for any length of time he will make an effort to visit [] son, which the agent appreciated. AEABYSS 1 repeated several times during the meeting how sorry he was to see [] leave, and reminded us that this is the second turn-over, the first from [] to [] and now to []. However, he pointed out that his association with the Americans has always been pleasant, and he gave every appearance of wishing its continuation.

b. AEABYSS 1 gave no further indications of his next assignment in the USSR. He believes that his trip to Ufa is quite certain, still scheduled for May or June, but that the Kazan assignment may run into difficulties. He has heard that the Soviets will want to select the personnel going to Kazan very carefully, and while A/1 believes he would be one of the persons whom the Soviets would accept, he has been given no firm indications as yet. There is also a possibility that a plant scheduled for construction in Karachi will require A/1's presence. If this should be the case, he may have to make that additional trip before going to the USSR, or after a short inspection trip in the USSR. At our next meeting A/1 will have a better view of his immediate future assignments.

c. A/1 has shown very certain marks of growing into a clandestine agent. He reviewed his earlier trips to the USSR and his meetings with Soviets at which he failed to take advantage of opportunities to get information. For example, he recalled that Gershovits in MUKHOM Salavat spoke of concrete in the Far North, and how easy it would have been to lead the Soviet into further elaboration, if A/1 then had as much experience, and knowledge, in our trade. Also, he now knows not merely to count freight cars, but to look for unusual designs, and to attempt to identify their functions. He is looking forward to the requirements for Ufa and Kazan and in discussing possibilities of collecting information.

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d. A/1 recently visited his sister and her family in Dresden. His discussions of conditions in East Germany are not particularly pertinent here, except for one incident which reflects something of A/1's character. One of his sister's children came home with the story that the West Germans on the other side of the Wall throw acid into the faces of East Germans. A/1 on hearing this took the child aside and told him to tell the teacher that his uncle from West Germany said that this was a lie, and that the East Germans built the Wall to keep their people inside. (Comment: I shudder at the thought of what will happen to the child and parents when this story is told in class. I also wonder at A/1's judgement in this matter.)

e. [] still a vital link in this operation, attended this meeting. He will continue to act as cut-out in our future relationship with A/1, and will probably continue to provide the meeting place, i.e. his home. His son is expected to come to Germany as a representative of the Pullman firm in Chicago, where he is employed, and work in Aachen for an undetermined period of time. This is in connection with certain technical matters ~~relating to trains~~.

f. [] himself seems to be getting into contact with Soviets. As shop foreman of the tool and die shop at Salzgitter he was recently approached by a Soviet and a German sales representative for the purchase of Soviet machinery. The German is

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whose visiting card associated him with Gertner, Fuhrmeister & Co, Cologne, and lists him as the general representative of STANKOIMPORT, Moscow. The Soviet's name is ROT, an unlikely Russian name, and one on which there are no traces. The Soviet allegedly comes from Vienna and sells machinery. We have asked A/4 to get further information on both of these individuals, should they show up again at Salzgitter.

III. Administration

We paid for the meal at the Gewandthaus, DM 56 (for 4).

IV. Communications

[] has the telephone number 55 69 03 under which he will call for Henshel. He identified himself as LUDWIG. He can be called at his office 05341-~~XXXX~~ ext 2082.

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